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BOOK STALL CONTRACTORS IN INDIAN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have transferred/handed over the management of bookstalls to Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Railways have taken a decision for sharing the licence fee/royalty from book stalls at the ratio of 75% to IRCTC and 25% to the Indian Railways;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) the details of the number of book stall contractors on Indian Railways whose contract has not been renewed during last one year, zone wise; and

(f) the reasons for not renewing their contracts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS(SHRI R. VELU)

(a) and (b): With a view to upgrade and professionalise the services, the management of bookstalls at A, B and C category stations, has been handed over to Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC).

(c) and (d): The revenue sharing between IRCTC and Railways has been kept as 75% and 25% as per provision of Memorandum of Understanding keeping in view the fact that IRCTC will need to develop organizational set up for the business and handle the day to day management of stalls.

(e) and (f): As the present Book stall Policy is sub-judice, zonal railways have been advised to maintain status quo.